

The SUNY Charter Schools Institute (the “Institute”), on behalf of the Charter School Committee of the State University of New York Board of Trustees (the “SUNY Trustees”), has one remaining charter to award from the July 2007 amendments to the New York Charter Schools Act of 1998 (the “Act”) (New York Education Law § 2852(9)(d)). This charter predates the 2010, 2014 and 2015 amendments to the Act.

The SUNY Trustees seek to grant this remaining charter to an applicant that demonstrates the capacity to:

- increase the number of quality public schools in areas of the state that have few high performing schools;
- propose school designs that demonstrate the students they seek to serve will benefit from the greater flexibilities afforded to this charter; and,
- propose to replicate a school design currently authorized by SUNY.

The remaining 2007 charter allows greater flexibility in terms of facilities and school management and operations. For example, this charter allows for a charter school to build or occupy a facility meeting state and local building codes rather than being required to have plans and specifications approved and the certificate of occupancy issued by the New York State Education Department. This charter also allows for contracting with a for-profit entity to manage the delivery of educational services, which is prohibited for charters issued through the RFP process required under the 2010, 2014 and 2015 amendments to the Act. As such, SUNY will only accept applications proposing schools that intend to locate outside of the five boroughs of New York City where the lack of facility funds for charter schools and few if any opportunities to co-locate in existing facilities exist. And, finally, SUNY seeks applicants desiring to replicate an existing SUNY authorized school design.

To ensure a quality analysis of any and all applications received at SUNY, applicants must provide the same information and follow the same timeline for the application round beginning in December 2015 posted in the 2015 Request for Proposals available here:

<http://www.newyorkcharters.org/create/request-for-proposals/2015-suny-request-for-proposals-round-2-december-cycle>.

Applicants should identify in their Letters of Intent interest in submitting a full application for this charter. Applicants successfully completing the Letter of Intent stage that are invited to submit a full application for this charter may receive additional requests for information beyond what is in the 2015 Request for Proposals at that time.